

JUSTIFIES U BOAT IN SINKING ARABIC

Berlin Says Submarine Commander Thought He Was Being Attacked.

OFFICIAL REPORT HANDED TO AMBASSADOR GERARD

Regrets Loss of Life: Offers to Refer Compensation Question to The Hague.

BERLIN, September 8, via London, September 9.—Germany's note to the United States concerning the sinking of the White Star line steamer Arabic by a German submarine was communicated to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, yesterday evening.

The note ascribes the destruction of the liner to an act of self-defense on the part of the submarine, expresses the German government's deep regret that American lives were lost thereby, and offers to refer the questions of reparation and compensation to The Hague for adjustment.

Instructions to Commanders.

The note reveals in detail the instructions to submarine commanders concerning their treatment of liners. They are ordered not to attack a passenger steamer except in case of an attempt to escape after it is ordered to halt or unless its actions indicated an intention to attack the submarine.

The submarine commander, according to his report concerning the sinking of the Arabic, said he believed the Arabic was about to attack the submarine and that therefore he acted within his instructions. German naval experts declare that there is no other course open to submarines under the present conditions, from liner down to fishing smack, is a presumptive enemy and perhaps carrying guns and ready to seize any opportunity to attack the vulnerable submarine by gunfire or by ramming.

Fired in Self-Defense.

The commander of a German submarine which has returned to its base has reported to the admiralty that he torpedoed the liner Arabic in the belief that the Arabic's action indicated she was about to attack the submarine and that he fired in self-defense.

According to the submarine's commander's report the submarine was engaged in destroying a freighter when the Arabic was sighted. The submarine was then on the surface. The Arabic, the commander declares, swung around and headed toward the freighter as if to attack the submarine. The commander of the undersized craft, determined in doubt as to the intentions of the Arabic when the latter changed her course a few points, but still kept headed in a direction that was bringing her nearer to the scene.

Headed for Submarine.

The captain of the submarine reports that he continued to observe the actions of the liner until he saw the Arabic again change her course and head directly for the spot where the submarine lay, as if the Arabic had sighted the undersized boat. Then the commander of the submarine, believing his craft was in danger, he declared, submerged her and fired a torpedo.

This news was communicated immediately to the American ambassador for transmission to Washington. Prior to the receipt of the report of the submarine's commander, officials were of the belief that the submarine had been lost. No reason for her delay in returning to port has been given.

Not Unprovoked Attack.

A high official of the foreign office, in discussing the case with the Associated Press, said the commander of the submarine evidently had adequate reasons for believing the submarine was about to be attacked and was justified in taking steps necessary to save his boat and crew. The torpedoing of the Arabic, according to this official, could not be considered an unprovoked attack without warning, but a measure of self-defense which the commander of the underwater boat was compelled to adopt by the alleged suspicious actions of the Arabic.

TWO CONGRESS MEMBERS CALLED TO BE WITNESSES

Representatives Garner and McLe-more to Testify for Election Fraud Defendants.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., September 9.—Two members of Congress elected in November, 1914, at the general election which forty-one officials and citizens of Corpus Christi are charged with conspiring to corrupt, will testify for the defendant in the United States district court here, it was said, today. Representative John N. Garner of El Paso and Jeff McLe-more of Houston, representative-at-large, it was said, would be called to the stand for the defense. Representative Garner has been here since the trial opened Monday and has occupied a seat with counsel for the defense. Testimony already introduced by the prosecution has been in an effort to prove that many Mexicans were allowed to vote who were not residents of the state and that they received money from some of the defendants after they cast their ballots for the so-called Timon democratic ticket, headed by County Judge Walter F. Timon, one of the men now on trial.

Relatives of Mrs. George Washington Stephens, widow of G. W. Stephens of Montreal, who met her death in the Lusitania sinking, have been notified that her body, recently found off the coast of Ireland, went down with the Hesperian.

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FORCED TO QUIT ARMY.

Three Officers Retired Because of Physical Disabilities.

Three officers of the army have been transferred to the retired list, because of disabilities incident to the service. They are Maj. Edwin V. Bookmiller, 9th Infantry; Capt. Harry S. Howland, 16th Infantry; and Capt. Stewart Mac Decker, Porto Rico Regiment of Infantry.

Maj. Bookmiller is from Ohio and was graduated from the Military Academy in June, 1882. He reached his present grade in March, 1911, and recently has been stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky. Capt. Howland is a native of Sweden and was appointed second lieutenant of the 23d Infantry in September, 1888. He is now in San Francisco on sick leave of absence.

Capt. Decker served in the volunteer establishment during the Spanish war and was appointed captain in the Porto Rico regiment in July, 1904. He was recently stationed at San Juan.

AUTONOMY FOR POLAND PLAN OF UNITED DUMA

Removal of Restriction on Jews Another Proposed Reform Now Before Ministers.

LONDON, September 9.—In a dispatch from Petrograd the Daily Telegraph's correspondent says:

"Autonomy for Poland, a conciliatory policy for Finland, amnesty for political and religious offenses, not of a criminal character, complete cessation of religious persecution, removal of restriction upon Jews and the recognition of the legality of trades unions are among the reforms in the program adopted by the progressive parties of the united duma, which control 200 out of the 439 votes in the house.

The program also calls for an agreement between the government and the duma regarding the rapid adoption of bills relating to the national defense, care of the wounded and the amelioration of the condition of refugees and contains a long list of measures for internal reforms.

Now Before Ministers. "After the adoption of the program it was laid before the council of ministers, where it is now under consideration. Much depends on the action of the ministers, as their recognition of the program would prevail in the imperial council, in which the reactionaries form the majority.

"The program is backed by the bloc composed of the entire center, Octobrist, progressive and constitutional democratic groups, the radical wing of the nationalists, a score of laborers and socialists, and a score of Moslems, Poles and White Russians."

NOT AUTOMATIC GOLD MINE.

Pigeon Raising in City for Profit Discussed by Experts.

The city man thinking about raising pigeons for profit is warned by the Department of Agriculture not to expect the birds to be automatic gold mines. Discussing at length the raising of squab pigeons in city lofts, the department's poultry specialists have this to say:

"As a result of inquiries addressed to hundreds of commercial raisers of pigeons, the department's investigator finds that an annual profit of \$150 for a pair of breeders is considered good, if they are to be of profit, and profitable squab raising calls for good breeding stock, special experience, business ability, and a good, steady market.

"There have been many failures in squab plants, as the profits in this business have frequently been greatly overestimated and the care of the stock wrongly regarded as something very easy in which any one could succeed. Many people can keep pigeons successfully as a side issue, although this requires constant oversight and careful attention to details."

Indictments charging Dr. Bryce Sprayberry, a physician, and John S. Osborne with poisoning William Sprayberry, an aged and well-to-do farmer, and his wife in November, 1910, were returned by the DeKalb county grand jury. The indictments are said to be based on an alleged "death bed" confession made in May by Dr. Sprayberry.

HUNDREDS OF WARSAW CITIZENS ARRESTED

Factory Men Given Choice of Internment in Germany or Work With Krupps for Pay.

PETROGRAD, September 9.—A prominent Polish lawyer, who made his escape from Warsaw after its capture by the Germans, made the following statement today:

"Two days after the Germans entered the city more than 400 of the most prominent citizens who remained were arrested without warning or interrogation and sent to Germany. About 700 families were deprived of their heads and of knowledge of their whereabouts. Arrests continued daily. The only known reason was that the names of the victims appeared on a list compiled by informers and sent to Germany months ago.

Thoroughness Displayed.

"The Germans displayed their usual thoroughness. Within a few days after they entered the city three temporary bridges were thrown across the Vistula in place of the structures blown up by the Russians. The electric light, gas and water plants were restored, and there was early evidence of industrial activity. A house-to-house search

was made and every copper vessel was confiscated. Metal was stripped from any places in which it had been left. Articles of wool were gathered similarly from houses and shops.

Ultimatum to Workers.

"Hundreds of men who previously had worked in factories were given the choice of internment in Germany or labor for wages at the Krupp works. Every day sees the departure of men who prefer forced labor to compulsory idleness in Germany or work in trenches.

"Prince Lubomirsky, one of Warsaw's energetic public men, accepted the post as temporary president of the civic and central committees under the German military governor. He made it clear that he was a loyal Russian."

GETS NO REIMBURSEMENT.

U. S. Penitentiary Official Denied Expenses Over \$5 a Day.

The fact that Henry Reed, in the field for the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Mo., did not receive official notice of the law limiting expenses of government employees to \$5 a day in due time to make him cut down expenses after the law was effective will not operate to reimburse him. The controller of the Treasury, W. W. Warwick, has decided that as the law was effective July 1, 1914, his expenses after that date must come within the limit.

Mr. Reed loses \$7.65, daily excess in small amounts for board and lodging over the \$5 daily limit of expense. Warden T. W. Morgan of the penitentiary thought he ought to have the money.

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